

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 270

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING
ENGROSSED HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4204, PROPOSED TO THE PEOPLE BY
THE LEGISLATURE, AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION, ON
SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX LEVIES**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Washington states that there is no higher priority than the education of all children; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental mission of Washington's public schools is to ensure that all students possess the knowledge and skills to be responsible citizens and enjoy productive lives; and

WHEREAS, adequate, stable funding is critical to the fulfillment of this mission; and

WHEREAS, resources provided through voter-approved school levies are essential to the Highline School District's and other school districts' ability to provide a high quality education to each student; and

WHEREAS, school districts in Washington are subject to obsolete laws that require a "supermajority" (60%) threshold for voter approval of school levies; and

WHEREAS, school levies around Washington state are routinely supported by a majority of voters but fail because of this unfair and antiquated threshold; and

WHEREAS, Engrossed House Joint Resolution (EHJR) 4204 would restore fairness and equity by allowing school levies to be approved by a simple majority of those voting.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Burien strongly supports the proposed constitutional amendment, EHJR 4204, to allow voters in the Highline School District and throughout the state to support student learning and success through simple majority approval of school levies.

Section 2. The City of Burien urges the voters in Burien and throughout the state to approve EHJR 4204.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Burien City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF THIS 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007.

CITY OF BURIEN

/s/ Joan McGilton, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

/s/ Monica Lusk, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

/s/ Chris Bacha, Interim City Attorney

Filed with the City Clerk: October 10, 2007

Passed by the City Council: October 15, 2007

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